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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Attention: STB Ex Parte No. 646 (Sub-No. 1)
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001



STB Ex Parte No. 646 (Sub-No. 1)
Simplified Standards for Rail Rate Cases
Notice Of Intent To Participate

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Dear Secretary Williams:

The American Chemistry Council ("ACC") hereby notifies the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") of ACC's intent to participate in the above-captioned proceeding.

ACC represents the companies that make the products that make modern life possible, while working to protect the environment, public health, and the security of our nation. The member companies of ACC depend on the U.S. rail industry for the safe, secure and efficient transportation of approximately 170 million tons of products to each year, accounting for more than \$5 billion in annual railroad revenues.

I would appreciate your adding me to the Board's service list for this proceeding. If you have any questions about ACC's request to participate, please contact me at 703-741-5172 or tom_schick@americanchemistry.com.

Sincerely,

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